



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9548**
Hiroyuki MISHIMA et al. : Docket No. 2003_1015A
Serial No. 10/626,574 : Group Art Unit 1712
Filed July 25, 2003 : Examiner Christopher Keehan
PREPREG AND LAMINATE **Mail Stop: Amendment**

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action dated April 13, 2005, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition.

Claims 1, 3, 8, 11 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Brown et al. (WO 98/31538).

Claims 4, 8 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. in view of Ishii et al. (U.S. 5,368,921).

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al.

Claims 5 to 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. in view of Kohm et al. (U.S. 5,264,065).

Claims 8 to 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brown et al. in view of Gaku et al. (U.S. 6,907,089).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

The rejection states that Brown et al. (WO 98/31538) disclose a prepreg comprising a thermosetting resin, particularly a non-halogenated epoxy (page 3, lines 11 to 12), containing an aluminum hydroxide-boehmite composite obtained by hydrothermal treatment of aluminum